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BY "CLUG"

HAVE STRONG PAIR

Savage-Jackson Combination
Makes Kaws Look Good.

Interest in Local Baseball
Comes to Life Tuesday.

Interest in the Dixie training camps of the big leagues, the scrap between organized baseball and the mythical Johnson-Willard prize fight at Juarez or Havana was on board in Topeka Tuesday when John Savage, the new owner of the Kaws, arrived in town and made the announcement that he had signed Jimmy Jackson of Wilmington, Delaware, and Philadelphia, Pa., as the new player-manager of the team.

To everybody who is interested in Topeka baseball, the announcements by Mr. Savage meant a great deal. Every fan is hoping that they mean the beginning of a new era of things, and the local stove league that has been handicapped all winter because of the uncertainty of things and the possibility of not even having a team will have to do a lot of overtime work between now and the 25th of the month in order to catch up with its promiscuous and pronouncements.

Savage Means Business.
That Mr. Savage means business and that he intends to do everything possible to give the fans a team they will be glad to support is evident. He has bought the team as a business proposition. He gave up a good position with the Kansas City Blues in order to buy it. And he refused flattery offers from the American Association after he had closed the deal. Naturally, therefore, he will try to make it as big a success as possible, and the better team he has, the better financial success he will enjoy. His reply to those who asked what he thinks is the possibility of pulling out of the submarine class is significant.

"I am making no promises," he said. "I am going to put out the best team I can, and I will leave it up to the fans to decide whether or not I am giving them their money's worth." And the signing of Jimmy Jackson is mighty good evidence that he will give them their money's worth and that he will put a real Western League team in the field. In fact, the combination of Savage and Jackson looks like about the best and strongest on the whole Western circuit. Mr. Savage knows the financial end of the game from A to Z. His eight years with George Tebeau have taught him about all there is to know about the inside workings of a club.

Jackson a Producer.
And, Jackson, as a player manager, is a tried producer. For the past three years he has been with the Wilmington team of the Tri-State League, and he was manager of the team both last year and the year before. The year before last, as manager, he got in the lead with his aggregation by clinching the pennant before the season was half over. Last year, he had his team in fifth place when strikes in the coal fields and other financial disasters drove the league to the rocks and caused it to disband in midsummer. Jackson plays an outfield position. He was with the Cleveland Americans before going to Washington. His record last season is not available at present, but in his first year with Wilmington, he made a good all around showing, and in 1913 he batted .369 and made an individual fielding record of .984. Also, during 1913

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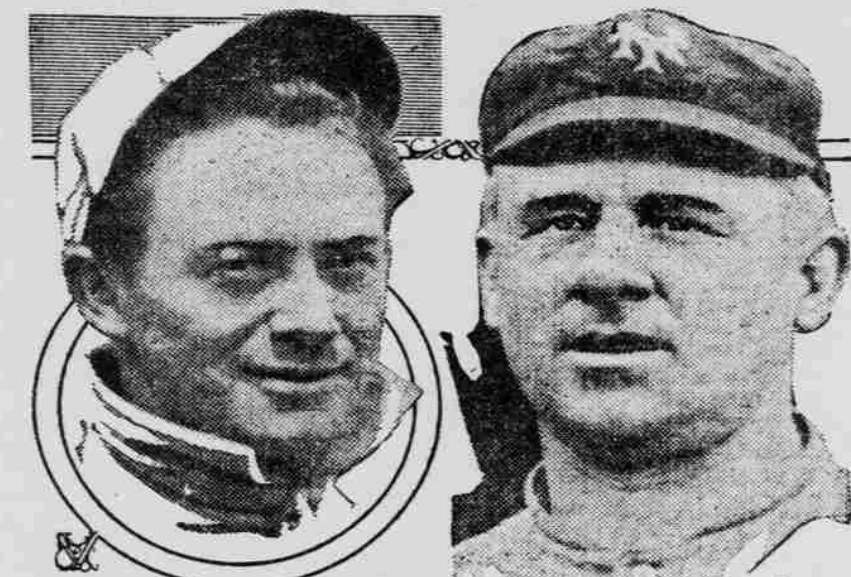
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National league magnates who have
put across big trades. Top, Miller
Huggins (left) and John McGraw.
Bottom, Charles Doolin.

As a bunch of traders the National league magnates have no near rivals. They far outshine the American and Federal leaguers in this respect. And John McGraw is the most persistent trader in the National league. Charlie Doolin also pulled off some big deals when he managed the Phillies, one of the most successful being the trade of McQuillen, Menden, Grant and Bates to the Reds for Lobert, Faskert, Rowan and Beebe. Miller Huggins' deal a year ago of Koney, Mowrey and Harmon for Jack Miller, Wilson, Butler, Dolan and Robinson placed Huggins among the trading immortals.

His record shows that he got 12 two baggers, 12 three baggers and 6 home runs. He comes to Topeka highly recommended by some of the biggest baseball men of the east, and if he makes anything like the showing here that he did in Wilmington, he ought to prove satisfactory in every way and ought to put the Kaws in the first division without any trouble.

Will Run the Team.

Jackson will have complete charge of the playing end of the team, but Mr. Savage will make all the trips and will devote his undivided attention to keeping the players up to the highest point of efficiency at all times.

Among the old league players who have already signed contracts and who will likely remain with the club are: Lattimore, Rapps, Tonneman, Sanford, Wideman, Dasher, Grover and Forsythe. Tallion, Cochran and Ridgeway have not signed contracts yet, but their orange papers are expected without any trouble. Tallion has signified his willingness to sign, and Cochran has been holding out for a clause in his contract that would allow him a percentage of the price paid for him if he should be bought by a big league. However, as there is a ruling against this he will have to sign without it. The reason Tallion was not signed was not given out by Mr. Savage.

POLLY PERITT FLOPS AGAIN.

Former Cardinal Who Joined Feds
Rejoins the Fold of O. B.

St. Louis, Mo., March 3.—D. W. "Polly" Peritt, former member of the St. Louis Cardinals, who recently jumped to the Pittsburgh Federals, returned to the fold of organized baseball Tuesday by signing a three-year contract with the New York Nationals. His signature was obtained by John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants, at Arlin Springs, Texas, training camp of the team.

News of the deal was received here from Hot Wells, Texas, training quarters of the local Nationals. It was believed at the Cardinals' camp that St. Louis will get Murray or Snodgrass from the Giants in exchange for the local team's claims to Peritt.

PLAY AT MARYSVILLE.

Marshall County Town Gets Part of
Basketball Tournament.

Marysville, Kan., March 3.—The Fifth district basketball tournament will be held this week in two towns, the south half of the district meeting at Manhattan, the north half meeting at Marysville.

Marysville is getting ready for a big meet. Already eight high schools have entered and more are expected to enter this week. The following high schools will have teams in the Marysville meet: Washington, Clyde, Clifton, Greenleaf, Beattie, Vermillion, Astoria, Marysville and Sumnerfield. A great deal of interest is being taken in the coming tournament and the Marysville high school is busy looking after the details of the meet.

DON'T LIKE AMENDMENT.

Wichita Grain Men Opposed to New Com-
pulsory Inspection Plans.

Wichita, Kan., March 3.—Grain men of Kansas oppose the proposed compulsory grain inspection amendment to the state law, now before the legislature, according to delegates to the Farmers' Cooperative and Grain Dealers' association, which is meeting here Tuesday, went on record against the plan.

Representatives of 25 cooperative organizations are attending.

JACK JOHNSON MISLED.

Curley Says Havana Promoters Knocked
On His Juarez Plans.

El Paso, Tex., March 3.—Jack Curley, promoter of the Johnson-Willard bout, originally set for March 6 at Juarez, Mexico, has cabled from Havana as follows: "Johnson has been misled by promoters here into believing the match not as safe as a match here. I have had my first interview with Johnson. He acts friendly. Everything favorable." Jack Johnson continues his light training at his camp near El Paso.

IN THE TIGER DEN

Detroit Fans Think Their Team
Has Pennant Chance.

As Usual, Strong Hopes Are
Built Around Cobb.

[Note: This is the third of a series of articles outlining the baseball situation in the big league clubs.]

Detroit, Mich., March 3.—Hugh Jennings is going to stand very nearly pat on his 1914 team. There is a hole at second, left vacant by the collapse of Marty Kavanagh, the Jersey curve man, and good pitchers always can be used, but that will be the extent of the Jungletown patching. This was the dope handed out by the prophets today.

Some thousands of fans who believe the Tigers would have beaten the Red Sox out of second place in the American league race last season had Cobb been able to remain in the game throughout the summer, are confidently predicting a pennant for the Bengals in 1915. Most of the others believe "there's a fighting chance."

George Burns, who was more or less of a sensation last year, undoubtedly will be seen at first base again this season. Donie Bush will be at short, and George Moriarty, the veteran, who had one of his best seasons last year, at third. Cobb, Crawford and Veatch will continue to play their stations unless Jacobson, the Mobile swatster, succeeds in supplanting Veatch in left field, in which case the best outfield in baseball will be bettered. Strange again will be the first string catcher, with "Red" McKee and Del Baker continuing as first lieutenants in the mask and shin guards department.

Keystone Candidates.
There are three persons of promise who are yearning to cavort around the keystone for Jennings this year. Two of them, "Pep" Young of Sacramento, and Frankie Fuller, a native son of Detroit, who achieved fame as a first baseman, are recruits. The third is Oscar Vitt, the diminutive utility infielder, who can play better baseball than many regulars, but who never has been able to last long at a stretch because of indigestion, an unlucky series of broken bones and other ills.

Young and Fuller are heralded as crack infielders, but are said to be weak with the budgeon. Vitt is formidable both in the field and at bat. A good winter league guess would be that Vitt will be the first to get into the Tigers' lineup. Burns and Walter Pipp, who recently refused to sign one of Manager Bill Donovan's Yankee contracts, are first in the list mentioned because of the added batting strength such a combination would give the team.

The Pitching Staff.

The pennant prospects of the Tigers really depend on the ability of the pitching staff to perform as it has shown itself capable of performing in seasons past. Of recent years, the Tiger moundmen have been noted for having great years—one pitcher at a time. In 1912, it was Jean Dubuc who proved to be the best of the next year George Dauss came through. Last season, it was Harry Coveleskie. If these men should chance to get into the lineup, they would be a great asset to the team.

There is also George Boehler, who has more stuff than Walter Johnson, but who has never shown any same comprehension of the purpose for which a white rubber is placed in the vicinity of the batter. If George should ever grasp the fundamental principles of that art known as control, he would prove a great asset of the year. But that isn't probable.

Oldham, a southpaw garnered from Providence, looked good in some games and may be able to break into the first string mound staff. He pitched some 30 odd innings for Detroit last fall and did not pass a man. He wasn't bombarded vigorously, either.

Of the pitching recruits, there is little to be said. They were picked in a deep pool in the club, and are supposed to see a future for them. If one of the quintet develops into the real thing, there will be cause for celebrations of extreme joy by Jennings.

OLD CHAMPIONS WIN.

Poggenburg and Milburn Show Class
in Philadelphia Billiard Tournament.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 3.—J. E. Poggenburg, New York, former international champion, and E. L. Milburn of the southern champion, won their matches Tuesday in the class A. 18.2 ball line national amateur billiard championship tournament. Poggenburg defeated Corwin Houston of Detroit, 400 to 343, while Milburn won from Charles Heddon, Dowagiac, Mich., 400 to 343.

Poggenburg had a high run of 42 and his average was 6.16-64. Houston's high run was 31 and his average 5.23-64.

FLYNN IS IN EL PASO.

Fighting Fireman Ready for a Bout
With Gunboat Smith.

El Paso, Tex., March 3.—Fireman Jim Flynn is here ready for a match in June with "Gunboat" Smith or any other man of his weight.

Smith is now said to be in New York and even if a match can be arranged it will require some time before he can come here and train for the fight.

Jess Willard has not stopped his training work as he expects to hear something definite from Jack Curley and Johnson from Havana today.

Dillon Defeats Tom McCarty.

New York, March 3.—Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, defeated Tom McCarty, of Lewiston, Mont., in a ten round bout in Brooklyn Tuesday night. The fight was over in five rounds. Dillon out fought McCarty thereafter. The weights: Dillon, 172, McCarty, 182½.

Close Season With a Victory.

Baldwin, March 3.—The Baldwin high school closed its basketball season Tuesday night by defeating Ottawa academy, 42 to 26. The local team early gained a lead. Bruner and Kidderman starred for Baldwin.

Decision Given to Gibbons.

Hudson, Wis., March 3.—Mike Gibbons of St. Paul was accorded a newspaper decision over Eddie McGoddy of Oshkosh, Wis., in a ten round, no-decision bout here Tuesday night.

St. Paul Keeps Ball Team.

St. Paul, Minn., March 3.—John W. Norbury, president of the St. Paul club of the American Association, has decided to keep the club in St. Paul. The club was under an option secured by Norbury, Michael Kelley, a former manager of the St. Paul team, will again have active charge of the team.

SPORT WHEEZES

Being Purloined Dog Meat, Prune
Pie, Lemon Sandwiches, Etc.
(By Clug.)

Now that it is definitely known that Topeka will have a baseball team in the Western league again, it is time for the boosters to get out their enthusiasm and the knockers their hammers. It has been a pretty stormy winter, but at last there is at least enough blue in the sky to make a fat Irishman a pair of breeches, which is a sign that all knockers had better beware of the sunshine that is coming.

To show that he intends to make the Kaws a Topeka team from the skin out, John Savage, the new owner, announced that he expects to buy as much of his equipment in Topeka as possible. It is probable that he will have a new set of uniforms, either for home use or on the road, be ordered through a local house. Also, the tickets will be purchased from Topeka printers. In the past it has been the custom to order tickets from out of town firms that makes a specialty of this kind of printing.

Again the old question, is there anything in a name? And, again the old come back, is there anything about red pepper to make you sud a sweat? The young Cobb, of Westmoreland, Kan., who is going to be given a try-out with the Kaws, it seems good to speak of the Kaws again as something alive might be just as good a player if his name was Jones or Smith or Sweeney, but the fact that it is a member of the Cobb family will make people look him over more closely in an endeavor to find some resemblance to the famous Tyrus. Also, incidentally, the young Cobb seems to be a full grown specimen of the family. He is a six footer and is built in proportion to his attitude. Mr. Savage has invited him to get himself into condition before reporting and to not try to do any pitching or rock throwing until after he gets here.

The keyboard of a linotype slipped a letter yesterday and as a result Mr. Savage was made to say the following in the first edition baseball story: "I am not making any promises. Things look pretty good to me, and I am going to give Topeka the very best baseball I possibly can. Letters from the members of last year's team indicate that all of the players are anxious to come back and expect to work hard to boost the team to a first division place in the league."

An apology is hereby offered to the members of last year's team and to Mr. Savage. Mr. Savage emphatically states that there will never be any effort to "booster" the team in any way as long as he is the owner. Players will not even be allowed to remain on speaking terms with John Savage, and those who refuse to cut his acquaintance will be cut from the pay rolls.

Being a duck in the United States is a whole lot safer these days than being a man in Europe. And the federal migratory law is making a great many old duck shooters wonder why they shouldn't dispose of their 10 gauges to some of the belligerents across the big pond. However, the law protecting the "quacks" will make more business for the manufacturers of clay pigeons and blue rump craps. In all parts of the state there seems to be a revival of interest in trap shooting, and this, no doubt, is due to the fact that those who shoot burn powder are averse to seeing their gun barrels remain rusty. The latest announcement of a new club, is that the reorganization of the El Paso is on. Interest in the local club also bids fair to be greater than it has in several seasons.

BIG STOCK MEETINGS.

Southwestern Cattle Raisers Hold Two
Important Conventions This Week.

Kansas City, Mo., March 3.—Two meetings of importance to the live stock industry of the entire southwest including Kansas in particular, will be in session for a week. The first is the convention of the Panhandle and Southwestern Stockmen's association at El Paso which will be in session today and tomorrow. The second is the meeting of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association at San Antonio March 9, 10, 11.

About twenty delegates have gone from here to El Paso and four or five more will leave in time for the San Antonio meet. At both conventions deals of importance to the interstate and grazing of stock in the southern Kansas pasture districts will be concluded.

In view of the foot and mouth situation both conventions will probably take some sort of action. There are hints in the wind that point toward a national quarantine prohibiting the movement of any stock. Another is for a complete quarantine for 30 days. Secretary Houston, it is understood, will be at the San Antonio meet and it is thought will answer their attacks which have been made on the department of agriculture allowing the publication of live stock estimates in January which were far more optimistic than cattlemen think conditions warrant.

CHANGE AT P. O.

Caldwell Is Assistant—Captain Fuller
Superintendent in North Topeka.

Captain A. M. Fuller has been transferred from the position of assistant postmaster to superintendent of the North Topeka office. Robert C. Caldwell, cashier, will succeed him as assistant postmaster.

The change will also affect others in the local office. A. E. Robinson, who has been in charge of the North Topeka office, will be foreman of the registry division. J. A. S. Banks, assistant cashier, will be bookkeeper under the new system. Charles E. Pyle, head of the registry department, becomes cashier of money orders. William Tinker, head of the money order department, becomes cashier.

Robert Hunter will be foreman of the carriers. W. E. Root, who has been a clerk, will be foreman of mails. J. K. McCoy will be night foreman. A. J. McLean, an employee of the local office for the past 21 years, will head a new department, that of inquiries.

Town Moves on Election Day.

Bokoshe, Okla., March 3.—The town of Milton, Okla., a Socialist colony a few miles from here, today was virtually moved to Bokoshe in order that the paid up stockholders of the Socialist colony might vote in their city election to the exclusion of the non-paid up stockholders. Voters are given their ballots after having shown their credentials proving their association.



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Stanwood Baumgartner.
Stanwood Baumgartner, former University of Chicago baseball pitcher, has signed with the Philadelphia Nationals. He is now training with the Maroon baseball squad in Chicago.